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I. THE COMMUNIST BLOC

USSR-UAR: Khrushchev, in a long interview on 4 November with Salah Salim, head of Nasir's subsidized press, reaffirmed Soviet friendship for the UAR and stated that Moscow is prepared to supply additional arms and economic assistance, specifically the financing for the second stage of the Aswan High Dam. According to the account of the talk published in Cairo, the Soviet leader also upheld the UAR's action in interfering with Israeli shipping through the Suez Canal, and parried Salim's assertion that Communists are responsible for Arab disputes with the observation that "conditions in the Arab countries are not now ripe for setting up a Communist regime."

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II. ASIA-AFRICA

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Watch Committee Conclusions: Situations susceptible of direct exploitation by Sino-Soviet bloc action which would jeopardize US interests exist in Laos and in the Middle East, particularly in Iraq.

Laos: Dissident military activity remains at a low level. However, the insurgents retain a considerable potential for guerrilla action and no decrease in their subversive activities is foreseen at the present time.

Middle East: The situation in Iraq remains unstable, and the possibility of further assassination attempts or coups remains. [REDACTED]

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III. THE WEST

Cuba: While the 26th of July Movement claims sweeping victories, Communists are believed to have gained substantial representation among the 3,000 delegates elected by local unions on 8 November to attend the national congress, which opens on 18 November, of the dominant and politically powerful Cuban Labor Confederation. Raul Castro and his confidant, Labor Minister Martinez Sanchez, are expected to remove from power Confederation leaders who are opposed to growing Communist influence in labor and in the government. [REDACTED]

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Britain-Cyprus: The agreement reached on the constitution for Cyprus on 10 November leaves the question of British military bases the only major issue to be resolved before independence. Britain has conditionally offered to reduce by about 20 percent its base areas in Cyprus, thus decreasing the number of included villagers from 4,400 to less than 1,000. Such a concession to Cypriot demands would probably create a favorable atmosphere for final agreement.)

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